



Comber Grove Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Friday, 08th December 2023

Dates
for your Diary



Key Dates:

11/12- Pupil Progress Meetings with Teaching Staff/SLT

13/12- Year 1 Visit to Blue Elephant Theatre

14/12- School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper or any colourful Day

19/12- Class Parties

20/12- End of Autumn Term (closing at 2pm)

Thursday, 21/12/23 to Friday, 05/01/24- Christmas Holiday

Beginning of Spring Term 1: Monday, 08th January 2023

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families,

Breakfast Club and After School- CASP

We are very excited that CASP will be Running a Breakfast Club at Comber Grove Primary School from January 2024.

Breakfast club prices are:

£10 per day (£5 for C.G pupils)

£25 per week (£15 C.G pupils)

We are also considering setting up an After School Club.

Please contact Carmen Lindsay: admin@caspuke.org

Parent Teacher Meetings

It was good to see so many parents attending these important meetings where staff were able to discuss your child's progress with you.

Following the meeting:

- Talk about the meeting with your child.
- Talk about the positive points, and be direct about concerns raised by the staff.
- Tell your child about any plans you and the teacher created
- Keep in touch with the teacher during the school year.

Year 6 Visit to Old Kent Road Fire Station

On Wednesday, 06th December, Year 6 were invited to attend the Southwark Junior Citizenship Scheme at Old Kent Road Fire Station.

It was a unique and invaluable opportunity for Year 6 children to learn citizenship messages and life skills from participating agencies, including The Metropolitan Police, The London Fire Brigade, Southwark Council, The London Ambulance Service and our own Transport for London Safety Citizenship Team.

The children spent their morning session taking part in interactive scenarios that teach strategies for leading a safer and more responsible lifestyle. Learning is both memorable and enjoyable.



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Year 2 and Year 3 Visit to Blue Elephant Theatre



Year 2 and Year 3 pupils enjoyed their visit to the Blue Elephant Theatre this week joining where they enjoyed a whirlwind adventure around the world! **The Elf who Saved Christmas** is a new show about learning to value yourself in a funny, interactive and joyful way.

There's a problem in the North Pole this Christmas when Santa is too ill to deliver presents. There's only one Elf who can make sure presents are delivered all over the world. It's a busy night travelling from country to country but there's lots to learn along the way. But why is one present always left over? Who is it meant for?

The Elf who Saved Christmas touches on celebrations across the globe as our Elf rushes to deliver every single present.

Supported by Southwark Council's Culture Together Fund.

We need your support: Talking about social media use

As part of the computing and PSHE curriculum at school, children are taught about using the internet and social media safely and responsibly.



Building on this, it is crucial to ensure our children understand the importance of responsible communication in group chats.

Parents and carers are kindly asked to please allow for regular and open conversations with their child to discuss proper online etiquette, respectful dialogue, and the impact of their words. Please read the information on page 3 of this newsletter for more support.

Let's work together to foster a positive and inclusive digital environment for our school community.

Talking is the best way to protect your child from social media risks and ensure their internet safety. Talking gives you the opportunity to help your child:

- work out how they want to treat other people and be treated online – _for example, you can encourage your child to make only positive comments
- understand the risks involved in using social media – _for example, your child might be tagged in an embarrassing photo taken at a party
- learn how to navigate the risks – _for example, if your child posts an identifiable selfie, they can reduce risk by not including any other personal information
- learn what to do if people ask for personal details, are mean or abusive online, post embarrassing photos of your child,

Have a restful weekend!

Lorram Black and Staff of Comber Grove Primary School

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert; potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't and people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sending behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.





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Fun Festive Word Search

Festive words are hidden in the word search below. Search diagonally, up, down left or right. Can you find them all?

Festive search...

1. Candy Cane
2. Carols
3. Christmas
4. December
5. Elves
6. Gingerbread
7. Holly
8. Lights
9. Merry
10. North Pole
11. Ornaments
12. Presents
13. Santa
14. Sleigh
15. Stocking
16. Tree
17. Winter
18. Wreath
19. Reindeer
20. Star

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Festive Fun Facts



1. Even the Victorians liked minced beef in their Christmas mince pies! In Tudor times mince pies were made from minced lamb or mutton as well as dried fruits and spices! The meat represented the shepherds in the Christmas story and the spices the wise men.
2. Most of us like to have our Christmas dinner at home with our families helping prepare the food. In Japan, it is more normal to go out to eat, and their favourite food is fried or roast chicken which they often eat in fast food restaurants on Christmas Eve!
3. Christmas trees first became popular here in Victorian times. But long before that, in Germany in the 1500s, they used to decorate fir trees with fruit and nuts at Christmas.
4. Crab, prawns and lobster, not turkey, are among the favourite Christmas foods eaten in Spain. Like many European countries they have their special Christmas meal on Christmas Eve.

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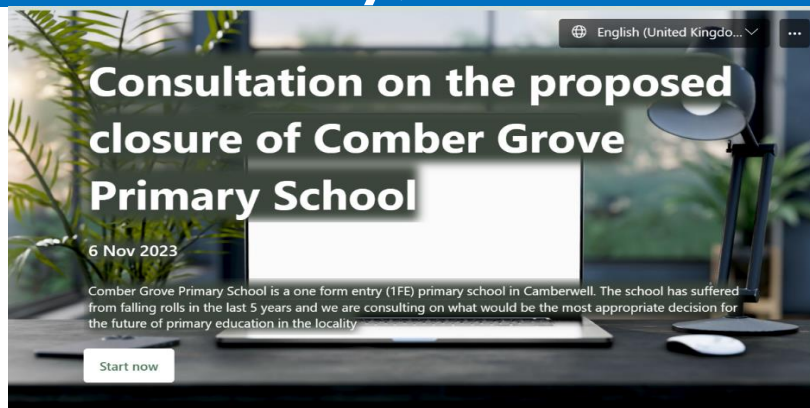


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Consultation on the proposed closure of Comber Grove Primary School

CLOSING DATE: Friday, 15th December 2023



[Consultation on the proposed closure of Comber Grove Primary School \(office.com\)](https://combergroveprimary.co.uk/office.com)

Please take some time to complete the survey at your earliest convenience.

Each parent is encouraged to complete the survey. The survey is completely **ANONYMOUS!!!** <https://combergroveprimary.co.uk/>

The survey can also be completed by scanning the QR code below:



Please complete the consultation by scanning the QR code or come to school and we can help you!
¡Completa la consulta escaneando el código QR o ven a la escuela y te ayudaremos

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!!



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every student, every day

Attendance Winners

School Target: 95.6%

This week's attendance: 91.8%

Group	Present	Comment:
Nursery David Bowie	91.9%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>
Reception Aderin-Pocock	93.2%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	91.3%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>
Year 2 David Attenborough	94.3%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>
Year 3 Mo Farah	84.2%	<i>Cause for Concern</i>
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	95.2%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>
Year 5 Mae Jemison	92.6%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>
Year 6 Olive Morris	93.2%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>

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Stars of the Week



Value of the Week: PRIDE		
Class:	Pupil:	Reason:
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	Leonel	Well Done for always taking pride in your work and presentation!
	Sarah C.	Well Done for taking pride and great care in your work this week!
Year 2 David Attenborough	Kamilla	For putting in 100% effort in all of his work and demonstrating pride an all that he does! Well Done!
	Samir	For always being kind to others and demonstrating pride an all that she does! Well Done!
Year 3 Mo Farah	Musa	Well Done on taking pride in completing your tasks and remaining focused in class!
	Paul	Well Done for taking pride in completing his tasks and remaining focused in class.
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	Daniella	Well Done for growing in confidence and showing your true potential! We are very proud of you!
	Lyon	Well Done for taking pride in your work and for an improvement in his learning! We are very proud of you!
Year 5 Mae Jemison	Muhammad	Well Done for beginning to take greater pride in all of his work. Keep it up!
	Sufyyan	Well Done for taking pride in the presentation of his work and handwriting. Keep it up!
Year 6 Olive Morris	Jayden	Well Done for persevering and enjoying your trip this week! We are very proud of you!
	Raiyan	Well Done for always showing pride in your work!

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Child's name	Age	Class
Aweya	9	Year 4
Escarlin	10	Year 5



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Parent/ Carer Information and Support



Comber Grove Primary School Reception places available for 2024-2025!!!

**Free Breakfast Club for all new Reception children
for the first term!!!**



We still have places in our wonderful School, Nursery and Reception.

Get in touch for more details or organise a visit before 15th January 2024.

Our contact details are:

Email: office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk

Telephone: 0207 703 4168

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Camberwell After School Project



Breakfast Club at Comber Grove Primary School (7:30-8:45am)

**being offered for ALL Comber Grove
pupils at a discounted rate!!!**

Cost:

£10 per day (£5 for C.G pupils)

£25 per week (£15 C.G pupils)



**Interested in a place for
Breakfast Club?**

Please contact Carmen
Lindsay: admin@caspu.org

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SENsational Open Day!

Come along to find out more about SENsational Play sessions for children with additional needs and disabilities!



- Find out where sessions take place
- Meet the staff
- Find out how you can access if you have a child up to age 11 (or how to refer)
- See how sessions are run
- Check out the resources available
- FREE goodie bags to take away!!

Tuesday 12th December, 11am - 2pm
Ann Bernadt Children & Family Centre,
Chandler Way, SE15 6DT
Families and professionals welcome
Yummy light refreshments provided!

For more information contact
childrenscentre@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk



Southwark Children and Family Centres



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Celebrate

Harrison Bear's Festive Adventure

HARRISON
food with thought



Christmas Lunch 2023

Traditional Roast Turkey with Poultry Chipolata,
Stuffing and Yorkshire Pudding
Seasoned Baked Fresh Salmon
Fresh Vegetable Loaf with Tomato and
Cranberry Sauce

Roast Potatoes
Roasted Parsnips with Citrus Carrots
Braised Savoy Cabbage

Chocolate Fudge Cake
Seasonal Fresh Fruit

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FREE

**Saturday
9 DECEMBER**

Camberwell Community Xmas

11am - 2pm - Camberwell Green

Santa and Rapunzel are coming to the Saturday market at Camberwell Green bringing free Caribbean lunch, free treats, decoration fun, festive music and fun-packed active games to get the kids moving!

FREE WARMING CARRIBEAN LUNCH FOR ALL

Low cook, no cook recipes

Community Stalls with info on local food charities, warm spaces, welfare and cost of living advice

Hygiene products, warm clothes and food to give away.

FREE FESTIVE CHOIR & MUSIC

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

- Energy Games
- Making Christmas Treats
- Badges and Decorations
- Face Painting

Mr & Mrs Santa in the Grotto with a Free Stocking Filler

Older People arts & crafts

Partnership Southwark's Wellbeing Van offering NHS physical and mental health advice, information and services

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Jumper Day -14th December 2023-

Photo: Alex Bamford / Save the Children



I'M JOINING SAVE THE CHILDREN'S

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Save the
Children

Wear a **colourful** Jumper on
Thursday, 14th December 2023 and
join in the **FUN** and
CELEBRATIONS!



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NUNHEAD

THURSDAY **21** DECEMBER **2023**

ACTIVITY
INTERACTIVE STORYTELLING: THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER
CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND LUNCH

VENUE: PECKHAM LIBRARY POD 2, 122 PECKHAM HILL STREET, SE15 5JR
TIME: 10AM - 2PM

FRIDAY **22** DECEMBER **2023**

ACTIVITY
A GIFT FROM SANTA AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH

VENUE: THE GREEN COMMUNITY CENTRE NUNHEAD SE15 3QQ
TIME: 10AM - 2PM

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THURSDAY **21** DECEMBER **2023**
ACTIVITY
GAMES, LUNCH AND TRIP TO THE THEATRE (RAPUNZEL PERFORMANCE)
TIME: 10AM - 2PM

FRIDAY **22** DECEMBER **2023**
ACTIVITY
CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES, MUSIC, GIFTS AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH.
VENUE: CAMBERWELL LIBRARY SE5 7AL
TIME: 10AM - 2PM

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THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER 2023
ACTIVITY
CRAFT WORKSHOPS (NATURE CRAYONS), MUSIC AND GAMES
TIME: 10AM - 2PM

FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER 2023
ACTIVITY
A GIFT FROM SANTA AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH
VENUE: THE LEWINGTON CENTRE 9 EUGENIA ROAD SE16 2RU
TIME: 10AM - 2PM

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